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Claims 26-29, 34-44, and 47-58 are presently pending in the case. Claims 30-33, 45, and 46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant hereby reserving the right to pursue the claims in a continuing application. Claims 26, 29, 34, 38, 39, 42, and 43 have been amended. Claims 53-58 have been added to set forth other patentable features of the invention.

The amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed. For example, claims 53-58 are supported at least at page 9 lines 19-23 which recites, "For example, a force profile may be generated which simulates the force sensation of a push button switch that gradually increases its opposing force as the button is depressed until it reaches a toggle point, clicks, and releases most of its resistive force." Thus, no new matter has been added.

The amendments to claims 26, 29, 34, 38, 39, and 42 broaden the language of the respective claims as previously presented, Applicant having removed unnecessary limitations. Accordingly, these amendments have not been made for reasons related to patentability. Claim 43 has been amended merely to correct an error in its dependency.

Reconsideration of the present case in view of the above amendments and the remarks herein is requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant has filed on February 8, 2001 and on February 16, 2001 information disclosure statements in compliance with MPEP section 609. Indication of consideration of the references provided is requested.


Conclusion

The claims are allowable, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections set forth in the previous Office Action, to consider the references submitted, and to allow the presently pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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